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SUBJECT: TURKISH LEADERS HAIL NATO ON ANNIVERSARY

1. BOTH PRIMIN BULENT ECEVIT AND FONMIN TURAN GUNES ON APRIL 4 ISSUED STATEMENTS HAILING NATO ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY. ECEVIT DECLEARED THAT NATO HAS PROVED ITS SUCESS IN MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF ITS MEMBERS, AND THAT "TURKEY WILL CONTINUE WITH DETERMINATION TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION". HE NOTED THAT 15 SOVEREIGN MEMBERS CANNOT HAVE IDENTICAL OPINIONS ON EVERY SUBJECT, AD THE ARGUMENTS WITHIN NATO LOOKING TO A SOLUTION ARE A SIGN OF STRENGTH RATHER THAN WEAKNESS. "WHAT IS IMPORTANT," ECEVIT CONTINUED, "IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE MEMBERS' LOYALTY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ALLIANCE OR IN THEIR BELIEF IN NATO FOR ITS SECURITY."

2. GUNES NOTED THAT "NATO HAS PLAYED, AND IS CONTINUING TO PLAY, AN IMPORTANT ROLE BOTH IN PROTECTING THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF ITS MEMBERS AND IN THE REALIZATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN EUROPE." GUNES FOLLOWED THE SAME THEME AS ECEVIT IN REMARKING THAT THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO DIFFERENCES AMONG NATO MEMBERS IS A HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT NATO WILL SUCCEED IN SOLVING

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ITS CURRENT PROBLEMS.

3. TEXTS FOLLOW.  
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